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Satoshi KONDO et al. : **Docket No. 2001_1571A**
Serial No. 09/982,788 : **Group Art Unit 2611**
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**BLOCK DISTORTION DETECTION METHOD,
BLOCK DISTORTION DETECTION APPARATUS,
BLOCK DISTORTION REMOVAL METHOD,
AND BLOCK DISTORTION REMOVAL APPARATUS**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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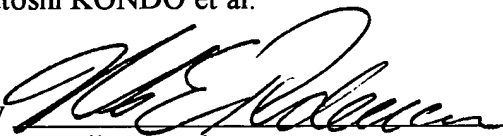
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- a. ☐ a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
 - b. ☐ a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith,
 - c. ☒ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page 3,
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Respectfully submitted,

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